

Online Course for

# **BALLET PIANISTS**

CLASS 1: Watching and understanding a ballet class



## CLASS 1: WATCHING A BALLET CLASS

## Links to watch full ballet company classes online



#### Semperoper Ballet - Germany

2022 Pianist: Alfredo Miglionico - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bA7H-baa5CY #Worldballetday

#### Royal Ballet - London, UK

2021 Pianist: Michael Pansters - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZboDD28qxU

2020 Pianist: Robert Clark- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1xdTrUPRn8&list=PLFEuShFvJzBwFTteLojMFUTKjWegoW0branks.pdf.

2019 Pianist: Robert Clark - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8zytT-8uuI&t=3831s

2018 Pianist: Robert Clark - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FySuVhmb-

OY&list=PLKphF0PVtbWCc0Ewr\_lgjbV8v2SFJzsyt&index=8&t=1026s

2017 Pianist: Craig Edwards - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pMXTTAJ3I4&t=3556s

#### Het National Ballet - Amsterdam, Netherlands

2021 Pianist: Paul James Lewis - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SurwomMzEI4

2020 Pianist: Rex Lobo (only the barre) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq9xTwKZywY

They have plenty of online ballet classes, called "Online ballet classes 1, 2..., 14, 15, etc.

Here, the link of class 15 with pianist Paul James Lewis - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfpGGi6XAkw

#### Staatsballet - Berlin, Germany

2021 Pianist: Nodira Burchanowa - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgGGeaWrwAQ

#### Birmingham Ballet - Birmingham, UK

2020 Pianist: Matthew Drury - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TYUCUcT41I

#### English National Ballet - London, UK

2022 Pianist: Chris Swithinbank - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9z7E2olOhY&t=826s

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Instagram accounts and other online resources





- @marianapalaciospianist
- @silvina\_rouco\_oficial
- @eduardoboechat
- @pedrosanchez.balletpianist
- @pabloramirezd.balletpianist
- @ballet\_pianist\_paris
- @paco.lopez.526
- @vinicio.colella
- @juanmatamusic
- @thebarrepianist

On my Instagram account, please check the highlight albums called "Ballet class" where you can watch plenty of videos.

If you want to explore more online resources like podcasts, blogs, etc., please check also my YouTube video "Online Resources": https://youtu.be/LMq-I8Zw39A

## CLASS 1: WATCHING A BALLET CLASS

#### Ballet class list exercises



#### BARRE

Warm-up
Pliés
Battements tendus
Battements jetés or battements degagés
Ronds de jambe à terre
Fondus
Frappés
Grands battements

#### CENTRE

Battements tendus
Adage
Pirouettes
Small jumps - warm-up
Small jumps - different combinations
Medium jumps
Big jumps or grand waltz
Port de bras or révérance

The different exercises are always performed on both sides, right and left. If there are a lot of dancers in the studio the exercises are done continuously, in chained groups, which is a challenge for the pianist who must play much longer music.

- \* In CLASSES 5 and 6 we will see all the exercises, one by one. We will analyse all their characteristics and what kind of music we can play for all of them.
- \* In CLASS 8, we will see some exceptions and curiosities that we can find within this structure. Ballet teachers come from different schools, methods, and habits, and we will find with time some things that will surprise us and that we have to be able to recognise.



See you in the next lesson

